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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

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Replacement Sheet (1 pages)
Annotated Sheet Showing Change(s) (1 pages)

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, the Applicants have amended claims 12, 18, and 20 and canceled claim 13. Claims 12 and 14-25 are presented for examination.

The examiner has objected to the drawings. The Applicants have amended figure 1 and therefore, the objection should be withdrawn. The examiner has also objected to the specification for informalities. The Applicants have been unable to identify the sentences to which the examiner objects and requests that the examiner point out the sentences that are not complete.

The examiner has objected to claims 13 and 20 for informalities. The Applicants have canceled claim 13 and amended claim 20 and therefore, the objections should be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 13 would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to include all of the limitations of its base claim (12) and any intervening claims (no intervening claims). The Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 13, and canceled claim 13. The Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12, 14-16, and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Neuhaus* (US 5,903,565).

Neuhaus describes "switching" by enabling and disabling bus drivers and bus receivers. As recited in *Neuhaus*, "the individual bus systems 1 or 2 can be switched on or off with the aid of the control signals (83, 84)" (col. 4, lines 55-56). In contrast, claim 18, as amended, recites a switching device that includes a plurality of switches connected in parallel, the switches comprising two reverse connected series MOSFET transistors. To the extent that *Neuhaus*'s bus drivers and receivers might be considered a "switching device," they do not amount to a switching device having a plurality of switches connected in parallel. Thus, *Neuhaus* fails to disclose or suggest the switching device recited in claim 18.

The Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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